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Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will use technology from **Pressure BioSciences Inc.** to study deep sea oil plumes and oil reservoirs in hopes of learning how to clean them up better.

Pressure BioSciences (NASDAQ: PBIO) will lend the lab its pressure cycling technology, which scientists will use to analyze microorganisms in oil and other "environments with low biomass." A better understanding of microbes in oil plumes could lead to better ways to clean spills by using natural microorganisms to degrade the oil.

Berkeley Lab scientists will collect samples from water near the recent Gulf of Mexico oil spill and will study

how microbes have broken down the oil.

Pressure BioSciences is based in South Easton, Mass.

No financial details of the deal were disclosed.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory does unclassified research for the Department of Energy. It is managed for DOE by the **University of California**.

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